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9. *Beliefs in Opposition to Common Values Should be Illegal*

During the period of Nazi rule over much of Europe, it was believed that absolutely anyone inferior to what fit into the definition of being an “Anglo-Saxon” was considered inferior, a lesser, inhuman sort of creature whom was deserving of none other than death; unworthy of even breathing the same air as them. This was widely considered to be the proper view of humanity and its relations, and as a result, many strived to propagate these beliefs through the means of propaganda and enforced them through none other than violence. Any who dared oppose to these views or did not meet these criteria was considered to be a criminal, and was considered as lowly as the peoples they were defending. Viewing this, its disastrous effects, and the impact it has had upon our world, it is likely opposition to common values being considered illegal, despite the corruption of these commonly held values, is no longer a rational option (nor ever should have been). You may insist that some common values may promote good, such as encouraging solely peace and never daring to promote any remotely violent means of action. Anyone whom dares to mention breaking into a criminal’s home, even with a search warrant, may be imprisoned for these violent thoughts. Yet, this violent thought could have led to the discovery of something harmful that the criminal was hiding, such as drugs, and even prevented the propagation of the use of these harmful substances. Truthfully, we can never be certain about how any unique or opposing thought to what is commonly accepted may affect our society. What if it serves as the solution to a long endured problem, or even promotes a better and more effective way of life than our previously accepted and enforced values ever could? This is widely seen in one of the most shamed periods of American history, the Salem Witch Trials, where any whom dared to defend those accused of witchcraft was viewed suspiciously and likely even accused of witchcraft himself. Everyone blinded themselves from the voice of reason, attempting to avoid facing the consequences of what was already evident; their error. Imagine how many major conflicts in the history of humanity could have been avoided had someone proposed some unique, even opposing, views that may have proliferated general well being. Meanwhile, any view that may promote harm and malice could have easily been prevented, but all the while taken the time to listen to for the chance of it being one all the better than the one we already hold to be true. Our modern world is constantly undergoing rapid and significant changes, and consequently most of our ideas are altered along with it. If this world still held the same values it did two hundred years ago, we would be nowhere near the now advanced and diverse population we are today, and likely would not have ever even come near to this state in as rapid an amount of time as we have.